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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,917,603 B2. Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer and the requisite petition fee that overcomes the rejection.

5 Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mochizuki (US Pat. No. 6,628,633 B1) in view of Raleigh et al. (US Pat. No. 6,816,546 B1). Claims 3-5, 10-12, and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mochizuki, in view of Raleigh et al., and further in view of Rydbeck et al. (US Pat. No. 6,332,006 B1). In accordance with a telephone conference held with the Examiner,
10 these prior art rejections are overcome.

Further addressed in the telephone conference were statutory concerns regarding claims 8, 23, and 24. In response to these concerns, claims 8, 23, and 24 are amended herein.

All claims are now allowable and a notice of allowance is courtcously solicited. Please direct any questions or comments to the undersigned attorney.

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